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Lake Michigan's Future Stocking Direction: Structured Decision Making

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What is Structured Decision Making?

- ▶ *A strategic process that:*
 - *Promotes transparency*
 - *Promotes collaboration*
- ▶ *Provides a platform for making better informed decisions*



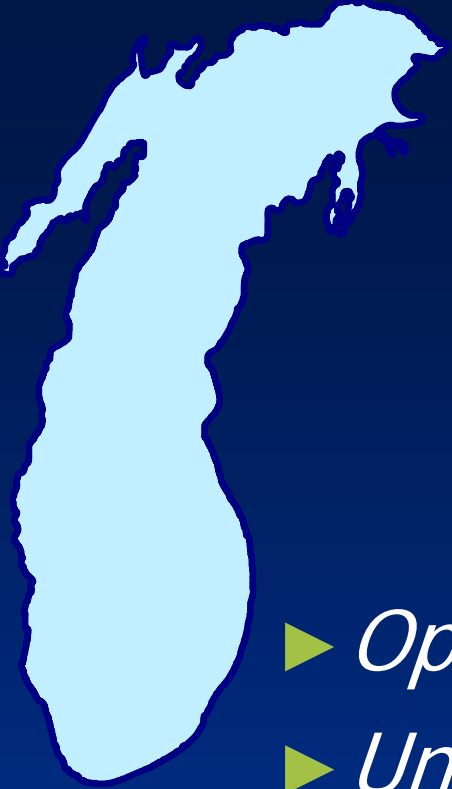
The SDM process will:

- ▶ *Involve stakeholders at multiple steps*
- ▶ *Discuss and refine management objectives and options*
- ▶ *Latest research and assessment*
- ▶ *Utilize models to describe how strategies may affect outcomes*



How is this different from 1998 or 2005?

- ▶ *Behind the scenes*
- ▶ *Agency developed options*
- ▶ *Less engagement of stakeholders*
- ▶ *Less choice by stakeholders*
- ▶ *Less ownership by stakeholders*



How is SDM better?

- ▶ *Opportunities*
- ▶ *Understanding*
- ▶ *Ownership*
- ▶ *Trust*



The Process

- ▶ Spring meetings
- ▶ Fall meeting
- ▶ Winter 2012 meetings
- ▶ Internal meetings
- ▶ Summer public meeting(s)



The Timeline

- ▶ Group meetings April, Nov., Jan.
- ▶ LMC/LMTC/LMBT/LMCFAC meetings Jan – April, 2012
- ▶ LMC develops proposal package
- ▶ Public meetings (Mi) July, 2012
- ▶ Final decision September 2012

Lake Huron Process

